

Madam Speaker, these policies are the definition of insanity, and it is no surprise that the majority of Americans think the country is headed in the wrong direction. It is time we change course and do it now.

Rather than allowing radicals to drive the agenda and push policies that incentivize more illegal immigration, let's work together to secure our border. Let's work together to put the American people first.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALEXANDER JEFFERSON

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson, whose heroic service as a Tuskegee Airman in World War II was recognized this week in a rededication ceremony of Jefferson Field, and it was done on his 100th birthday.

A graduate of Detroit public schools, Alexander Jefferson pursued a military career and completed pilot training at the Tuskegee Army Airfield.

As a fighter pilot with the Red Tail, 332nd Fighter Group 301 Fighter Squadron, his unit escorted bombers head-first into action, bravely providing protection from vicious enemy aircraft. They never lost a single plane.

On August 12, 1944, Jefferson was shot down and captured by the Germans and kept as a prisoner of war for 9 months. He was liberated by the American forces on the 29th of April, 1945, and discharged from Active Duty in 1947.

After serving our country, Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson continued his public service by becoming a science teacher in Detroit, where he would retire as an assistant principal in 1979.

He has numerous awards for his bravery and I am honored to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson on this celebration of service to our country, and wish him also a beautiful, wonderful 100th birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSS TOLLESON

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor Ross Tolleason of Perry, Georgia.

Ross was a beloved and honored member of the Georgia State Senate, where he served from 2001–2015. Senator Tolleason represented the 20th Senatorial District, and he did so with a servant's heart, always working to better those that he represented. He served on the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, chairing the Natural Resources Subcommittee for Appropriations.

Outside of the Senate, Ross served his community as a banker, an insurance salesman, and a tree farmer. He will forever be remembered for his selfless dedication to improving and assisting our great State.

I am thankful to have served with Ross and will always hold the time we spent together close to my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HUGH LEATHERMAN

(Mr. RICE of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former South Carolina State Senator Hugh Leatherman. Senator Leatherman represented Florence, and I was proud to join him in many opportunities to serve our constituents in the Pee Dee.

Senator Leatherman passed away recently at age 90, while still holding office. He worked on behalf of South Carolinians nearly half his life, right up until his passing. And I have been told he even took next year's budget briefing from his hospital bed, exemplifying his true dedication to our State.

Senator Leatherman didn't hesitate to work across the aisle to get things done for the Seventh District and all South Carolinians. I have always known him to pursue smart, reasonable solutions and work hard to fix problems.

Senator Leatherman was the epitome of a public servant. He will be dearly missed in the halls of the South Carolina State House, and we will remember him as an accomplished and honorable man.

Rest in peace, Mr. Chairman.

AMERICAN SUPPLY CHAIN CRISIS

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, the American supply chain crisis has reached a very critical point. A record number of container ships are waiting to enter U.S. ports, especially off of L.A. and Long Beach. They even miss the trip up to Oakland sometimes, too.

This leaves small businesses and grocery stores with empty shelves. It leaves farmers and others that produce things in California and the U.S. waiting and wondering if they can get their products on to ships.

At the same time, reckless spending has caused inflation for Americans to skyrocket. Food on the shelves is more expensive. This isn't just a problem for upper-class people, as some in the administration are saying. This hits all Americans, especially those on fixed incomes, really hard.

Now, a good thing, everyone saved 16 cents on their Fourth of July barbecue

that the Biden administration was touting recently; though Thanksgiving is predicted to be the most expensive meal in the history of the holiday this year.

The current inflation rate has forced households to spend another \$175 a month on food, fuel, and housing; let alone what is coming in the home heating oil this winter.

Inflation has climbed over 6 percent in the last year, making it the worst year since 1990, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

We need to get to work solving this problem for the American people, not focusing on unprecedented spending sprees.

Happy Thanksgiving, everybody.

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DEMOCRATS' TAX AND SPEND SPREE WILL DEFRAUD AMERICAN TAXPAYERS

(Mr. ROSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, today, I stand here, in the people's House, entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring taxpayers' hard-earned dollars are spent appropriately and with the proper oversight in place.

Yet, this week, House Democrats are pushing to ram through their fatally flawed, partisan, multitrillion-dollar tax and spend package, which uses taxpayer dollars and, no doubt, billions of dollars in borrowed money to fund their ultraliberal domestic spending priorities.

The gigantic \$3.5 trillion bill has apparently been cut down to \$1.75 trillion, which is still a lot.

What is in the \$1.75 trillion tax and spend spree? Amnesty for illegal immigrants, billions for tree equity, tax hikes on job creators and working Americans, and it doesn't end there.

The Democrats' package leaves out critical funding for the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security.

Democrats have gone so far as to break over 40 years of tradition by stripping the Hyde amendment from their package, a longstanding bipartisan provision that prevents taxpayer dollars from being used to fund abortions.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. STANSBURY). Without objection, the title of H.R. 147 is amended.

There was no objection.